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NEWS SUMMARY: Green Bay Resident Indicted on Investment Fraud Charges

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced today that Green Bay resident, Robert W. Wilken, Jr. (DOB: 6/4/65), was indicted June 10, 2003, by a federal grand jury on a one-count indictment charging him with transmitting funds obtained by fraud in foreign commerce.

The indictment alleges that Wilken devised and participated in a scheme to defraud investors in connection with a high-yield investment program. In essence, the indictment alleges that Wilken induced investors and others to give him money to invest in a high-yield investment program based upon Wilken's representation that he would invest their money in a program in which the investors would earn rates of return on the order of 10% to 20% per month. But instead of investing the money, Wilken kept most of the money for himself. According to the indictment, Wilken falsely represented to some investors and others that he had placed investor money in a high-yield trading program when, in fact, he had not and, on one particular occasion, Wilken wire-transferred investors' money overseas to make a payments on a personal credit card account he held at an offshore bank in the Bahamas. The indictment further alleges that, as a result of the scheme, Wilken wrongfully obtained approximately \$160,000.

Based on this charge, Wilken faces up to 10 years' imprisonment and fines totaling \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Scott J. Campbell for prosecution.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government established his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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